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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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INTERCHANGEABLE CORE MUFFLER

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1. **Type of Application**

Original (non-provisional)

2. **Required Papers Enclosed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular):**

13 Pages of specification

4 Pages of claims

1 Page of Abstract

9 Sheets of Formal/Informal Drawings (Figures 1-9)

3. **Declaration or oath**

Enclosed (unsigned)

4. **Preliminary Amendment**

Enclosed

5. **Assignment**

An assignment of the invention to:

A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed as well as the "Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet".

6. **Priority**

Priority is hereby claimed to Patent Application No. 60/455,916 filed March 19, 2003.

7. **Information Disclosure Statement**

Enclosed

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References

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Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)

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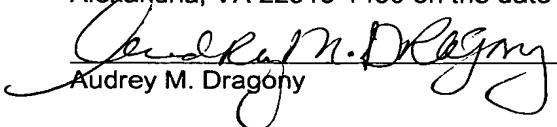
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